BEST PRACTICES

The Bureau of Facility Standards supports quality improvement initiatives in Assisted Living. The Department endorses the sharing of best practices. A best practice is an innovative approach that improves upon existing practice and positively impacts quality of life, independence, health, or social function.

In order to share best practices, the Department will implement the following steps:

- The Department will initiate and maintain a web site which has the following information:
 - Reference to Idaho Assisted Living Association (IDALA) web site for "Innovation in Assisted Living Award Program";
 - o Reference to Idaho Health Care Association (IHCA) web site;
 - o Link to Centers for Disease Control (CDC);
 - o Link to Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR);
 - *References to web sites for national references for Best Practices, to include topic, site, and date posted; and
 - *Facility name, contact person, and phone number when a facility is observed to practice a program that has a high degree of success and the facility is willing to share the program. These practices may be replicated in other Assisted Living environments.

^{*}Will be sorted by topic